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PURPOSE OF MEETING: To consider confidential, pre-decisional NSF action plans regarding a large facility and provide advice, recommendations, and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to mathematical and physical sciences programs and activities.

Agenda

Monday, April 23, 2018, 3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. EDT

Meeting opening and FACA briefing. Discussion of confidential, pre-decisional NSF action plans regarding a large facility.

Adjourn.

REASON FOR CLOSING: Meeting will have to do with confidential, pre-decisional NSF action plans regarding a large facility and will include

discussion of proprietary proposal details and merit review panel reports, potential proposed agency actions, and future budget requests, and may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4), (6) and (9), (B) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 2, 2018.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review Panel for Materials Research; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

Name and Committee Code: Proposal Review Panel for Materials Research—Site Visit for STC Center for Integrated Quantum Materials (CIQM), Harvard University (#1203).

Date and Time: May 7, 2018; 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.; May 8, 2018; 7:20 a.m.–8:30 p.m.; May 9, 2018; 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Place: Harvard University, Massachusetts Hall, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Type of Meeting: Part-open.

Contact Person: Dr. Tomasz Durakiewicz, Program Director, Condensed Matter Physics (CMP), Division of Materials Research, Room E 9344, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone (703) 292-4892.

Purpose of Meeting: NSF site visit to provide advice and recommendations concerning further NSF support for the Center.

Agenda:

Start	End	
CIQM, Harvard U.		
Day 1, Monday, May 7		
7:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	Briefing of Site Visit Team by NSF (CLOSED).
Day 2, Tuesday, May 8		
7:20 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast with STC Participants.
8:00 a.m.	8:50 a.m.	Director's Overview (Session with NSF Panel) (CLOSED).
8:50 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	Discussion.
9:00 a.m.	9:35 a.m.	RA-1.
9:35 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	Discussion.
9:45 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	RA-2.
10:20 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Discussion.
10:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Break.
10:45 a.m.	11:20 a.m.	RA-3.
11:20 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	Discussion.
11:30 a.m.	12:05 p.m.	RA-4.
12:05 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	Discussion.
12:15 p.m.	12:40 p.m.	Executive Session for Site Visit Team and NSF (CLOSED).
12:40 p.m.	1:40 p.m.	Lunch—Site Visit Team, NSF and Students/Post Docs.
1:40 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	Role of theory.
2:00 p.m.	2:10 p.m.	Discussion.
2:10 p.m.	2:50 p.m.	Education and Outreach, Diversity Plan.
2:50 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	Discussion.
3:00 p.m.	3:20 p.m.	Knowledge Transfer, Industry and Other Collaborations.
3:20 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	Discussion.
3:30 p.m.	3:50 p.m.	Legacy planning.
3:50 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	Discussion.
4:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	Poster Session.
5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	Executive Session of Site Visit Team and NSF: Prepare Questions (CLOSED).
6:30 p.m.	6:45 p.m.	Site Visit Team Meets with STC Director and Executive Committee.
7:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	Transfer to Hotel and Dinner Meeting for Site Visit Team and NSF (CLOSED).
Day 2, Wednesday, May 9		
8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	Executive Session— <i>Director's Response</i> /Continental Breakfast.
10:00 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	Break.
10:10 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	Executive Session of Site Visit Team (CLOSED).
11:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	Executive Session— <i>Meeting with University Administrators</i> .
12:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	Executive Session of Site Visit Team—Report Writing (working lunch) (CLOSED).
3:00 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	Debriefing with STC Director and Executive Committee.
3:30 p.m.		End of the Site Visit.

Reason for Closing: The work being reviewed during closed portions of the site visit include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the project. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review Panel for International Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

Name and Committee Code: Proposal Review Panel for Office of International Science and Engineering—PIRE: Building Extreme Weather Resiliency and Global Community Resiliency Through Improved Weather and Climate Prediction and Emergency Response Strategies—(#10749) (Site Visit).

Date/Time: May 16, 2018 8:00 a.m.—9:30 p.m.; May 17, 2018 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Place: SUNY at Albany, Atmospheric Sciences Research Center, 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12222-0100.

Type of Meeting: Part open.

Contact Person: Cassandra Dudka, PIRE Program Manager, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone 703-292-7250.

Purpose of Meeting: NSF site visit to conduct a review during year 3 of the five-year award period. To conduct an in-depth evaluation of performance, to assess progress towards goals, and to provide recommendations.

Agenda: See attached.

Reason for Closing: Topics to be discussed and evaluated during closed portions of the site review will include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; and information on personnel. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 2, 2018.

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NSF Sunny Albany Site Visit Agenda

May 16, 2018

8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.:

Welcome remarks from Vice President for Research

—James Diaz (10 min.)

—Introductions (15 min.)

—PIRE Rationale and Goals (Dr.

Everette Joseph, 10 min.)

—PIRE Administration and Management (Li Zhang, 15 min.)

• Summer Program at UAlbany: Language & Cultural programs

• Summer Program in Taiwan

• PIRE Taiwanese Partners

• Website

• Data server

• Cohort building experience

• Horizontal mentorships experience

—PIRE Science Research Overview (Dr. Everette Joseph, 15 min.)

—Budget Plans (Jessie and Cathy, 10 min.)

—PIRE Evaluation (15 min.)

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.:

—PIRE Undergraduate Students Poster Session

—PIRE Graduate Students Presentation

—Facilities and Physical Infrastructure

12 p.m.—12:30 p.m.: NSF Executive Session (CLOSED)

12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m.: Lunch—Discussion with Students

1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.:

—Integrating Research and Education

—Integrating with Taiwanese counterparts

—Integrating with Howard University

—Integrating Diversity

—Institutionalization of PIRE Project

—Cohort Experience Building

—Developing Human Resources

3:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.: NSF Executive Session/Break (CLOSED)

3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m.: Partnerships

4:15 p.m.—5:15 p.m.: Wrap up

5:15 p.m.—6:15 p.m.: Executive Session/Break

6:15 p.m.: Critical Feedback Provided to PI

8:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.: NSF Executive Session/Working Dinner (CLOSED)

May 17, 2018

8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.:

—Meeting with Administrators and Investigator (CLOSED)

—Meeting with James Diaz and Everette (Topic: Institutional Support)

9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.: Summary/Proposing Team to Critical Feedback

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.: Site Review Team Prepares Site Visit Report (Working Lunch Provided)

4:15 p.m.: Presentation of Site Visit Report to Principal Investigator

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments

Summary: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to the RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if the RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of the publication date.

1. Title and purpose of information collection: Railroad Service and Compensation Reports/System Access Application; OMB 3220-0008.

Under Section 9 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) and Section 6 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) maintains for each railroad employee, a record of compensation paid to that employee by all railroad employers for whom the employee worked after 1936. This record, which is used by the RRB to determine eligibility for, and amount of, benefits due under the laws it administers, is conclusive as to the amount of compensation paid to an employee during such period(s) covered by the report(s) of the compensation by the employee's railroad employer(s), except in cases when an employee files a protest pertaining to his or her reported compensation within the statute of